

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A headset for playing pre-recorded information in response to a verbal input comprising:

an earpiece positionable adjacent to an ear of the user;

a microphone connected to the earpiece in a manner so as to be positionable adjacent to a mouth of the user when the earpiece is positioned adjacent the ear of the user, the microphone being configured to convert voice sounds of a spoken command into a signal;

a command processing unit mounted on the earpiece and operationally coupled to the microphone such that a signal from the microphone representing a command spoken into the microphone and converted into a signal is identified to the command processing unit;

a voice recognition assembly mounted on the earpiece and operationally coupled to the command processing unit such that a spoken command in the signal is identified to the command processing unit;

a memory chip mounted on the earpiece and operationally coupled to the command processing unit, the memory chip storing responsive information, said responsive information including data convertible into at least one audible response that corresponds to receipt of at least one spoken command from a user;

an audio output assembly mounted on the earpiece and operationally coupled to the command processing unit and the earpiece, the audio output assembly being configured to, upon receiving the voice command from the user, provide a signal embodying responsive information from the memory to the earpiece in an audio format;

a connection port in the earpiece such that the command processing unit and memory chip are operationally couplable to a remote computer such that said operational coupling between the remote computer and the command processing unit and the memory chip permits programming of the command processing unit and memory chip, said programming of the command processing unit and the memory chip providing customized input and responsive output;

a flexible member connected to the earpiece, wherein the microphone is positioned at a distal end of the flexible member to permit positioning of the microphone adjacent to the user's mouth;

wherein the earpiece is structured to rest in the ear of the user; and.

wherein the memory chip is configured to receive customized input data and customized output data.

10. through 13 (Cancelled)